

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

N/A

Identification of Claims Discussed

5 Claims 1, 9 and 18

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

U.S. Patent No. 5,698,316 to Kuras et al. ("Kuras")

Proposed Amendments

10 Applicants proposed to amend Claims 1 and 9 substantially as shown above. Applicants
also proposed to add new Claim 18 substantially as shown above.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

15 With respect to Claims 1 and 9, Applicants argued that Kuras fails to teach or suggest at
least electrically conductive splice plates, electrically conductive straps and electrically
conductive fasteners in combination with the other recited limitations. With respect to Claim 18,
Applicants argued that Kuras fails to teach or suggest at least adjacent pairs of the composite
panels defining a groove therebetween and electrically conductive splice plates, with each splice
plate disposed within one of the grooves, in combination with the other recited limitations.

Results of Interview

20 The Examiner indicated that she would further consider Applicants's claim amendments
and arguments, but she could not yet reach a patentability determination.